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1. The following troops and materiel were either loaded or unloaded at the Halle freight station between 20 and 27 March 1953:

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20 March. T-34/85 tanks [ ] were entrained and left toward Erfurt.<sup>1</sup>

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22 March. At 6 p.m., 8 x 57-mm AT guns; motor vehicles [ ]

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[ ] and about 120 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were detrained and subsequently left for the Luftnachrichten Kaserne.<sup>2</sup>

25 March. At about 10 a.m., T-34/85 tanks [ ] and an SU-100 gun [ ] all of which came from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, were entrained and left toward Erfurt.<sup>1</sup>

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26 March. Four SP guns [ ] and T-34/85 tanks [ ] were detrained at about 3 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

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27 March. At about 3 a.m., 7 JS-3 tanks and 7 SU-100 guns were detrained and subsequently left for the Luftnachrichten Kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

On 27 March, individual training was observed in the barracks area.

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2. At about 1:45 p.m. on 8 March, 3 JS-1 or JS-2 tanks [ ] were seen on the Koenigsbrueck-Dresden road, coming from the Luftnachrichten Schule in Dresden-Klotzsche and proceeding toward Dresden. On 10 March, JS-1 or JS-2 tank [ ] was seen on the Koenigsbrueck-Dresden-Klotzsche road and, at about 2 p.m. on 13 March, another JS-1 or JS-2 tank was seen there, en route toward Dresden.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
3. At about 11 a.m. on 24 March, 8 x 76-mm AA guns; 8 trucks, including 2 mounting AA machine guns; and about 60 to 80 troops, were entrained in Spremberg. 25X1  
[ ] On 24 March, the bulk of the units stationed at Spremberg was at the post. Motor vehicles [ ] were seen. On 25 March, the bulk of the units stationed at Luebben was at the post. Motor vehicles [ ] were identified.<sup>5</sup> 25X1
4. On 19 March, the barracks installations west and east of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg, were occupied to capacity. Training of recruits and about 60 troops practicing with yellow tarpaulins, which [ ] were antigas paulins, were observed in the two installations. Seven 152-mm gun howitzers and 122-mm field guns, and 7 x 100-mm AT guns were seen in the terrain.<sup>6</sup> 25X1
5. Troop trains loaded for Hillersleben on 13 March included: a train in Dessau consisting of 11 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 13 flatcars, including 3 carrying tanks; [ ] a train in Zerbst consisting of 4 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 3 flatcars carrying tanks, [ ] and a train in Meinsdorf, consisting of 52 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 11 flatcars, including 5 carrying tanks, [ ].<sup>7</sup> 25X1
1. [ ] Comment. The tank units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div loaded on 20 and 25 March and unloaded on 26 and 27 March in Halle, presumably went to, and returned from, tank firing practices in Lossa. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. [ ] the AT unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div detrained on 22 March, had been entrained on 14 March, presumably for Lossa. 25X1
3. [ ] Comment. [ ] presumably tanks of the 11th Gds Tank Div. 25X1
4. [ ] Comment. [ ] an AAA unit of the 9th Mecz Div which may have gone to Wustrow or Jueterbog. [ ] 20 x 37-mm AA guns were entrained in Cottbus on 25 March and left toward Jueterbog. 25X1
5. [ ] Comment. At the same time, many units of the 9th Mecz Div were in Weisswasser for advanced combat practice firing. 25X1


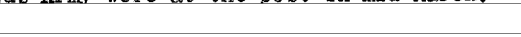


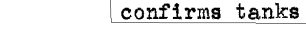
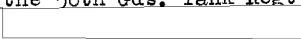
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6.  Comment. According to this information, the two artillery brigades of the Eighth Gds Army were at the post in mid-March. 
7.  Comment. Tank firing details of the 7th Gds Tank Div were transferred to Letzling Heath. The shipment  confirms tanks stationed in Zerbst,  may belong either to the 56th Gds. Tank Regt or the unidentified tank training battalion. 

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